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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:26 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 28, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8398.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture's use of technical service providers, to provide assistance to carry out conservation programs under Title II of the 2002 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Sara Braasch, Regional Assistant Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; David Goad, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Little Rock; James D. Chapin, Shasta Land Management Consultants, Redding, California, on behalf of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America; Gene Schmidt, Hanna, Indiana, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts; and Doug Wolf, Lancaster, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General James T. Conway, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Talent, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nathaniel F. Wienecke, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Jay M. Cohen, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Reed, Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, and Charles D. Nottingham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, both of the Department of Transportation, both introduced by Senators Warner and Allen and Representative Tom Davis, and Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, who was introduced by Senator DeMint, after

the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WATER BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 3638, to encourage the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects to plan, design, and construct water supply projects and to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to encourage the design, planning, and construction of projects to treat impaired surface water, reclaim and reuse impaired groundwater, and provide brine disposal in the State of California, S. 3639, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to provide standards and procedures for the review of water reclamation and reuse projects, H.R. 177, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Prado Basin Natural Treatment System Project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project, H.R. 2341, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, Texas, and H.R. 3418, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, after receiving testimony from Representative Dreier; Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; P. Joseph Grindstaff, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Sacramento, California; Chris Lippe, City of Austin Water Utility, Austin, Texas; Richard Atwater, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the WaterReuse Association; and J. Tom Ray, Central Texas Water Recycling Project, Waco.

STAFFORD ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a path forward for the nation's emergency preparedness and response system relating to the Stafford Act, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Shea, Acting Director of Operations, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Corey Gruber, Acting Executive Director, National Preparedness Task Force, both of

the Department of Homeland Security; Major General Don T. Riley, Director of Civil Works, United States Army Corps of Engineers; Deborah Y. Dietrich, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Pamela Mayer Pogue, Rhode Island Floodplain Manager, Providence, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc.; Armond Mascelli, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.; and Tamara S. Little, Ohio State Emergency Management Agency, Columbus, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard W. Graber, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, who was introduced by Representatives Paul Ryan and James Sensenbrenner, and Karen B. Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3128, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, after receiving testimony from Senators Chambliss, Boxer and Feinstein; William Stadtlander, Homestat Farm, Dublin, Ohio; Peter Barton Hutt, Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.; Elsa Murano, Texas A&M University, College Station, former Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; and William K. Hubbard, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, former Associate Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3721, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the United States Emergency Management Authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, with an amendment;

H.R. 3858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency;

S. 3613, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2951 New York Highway 43 in Averill Park, New York, as the "Major George Quamo Post Office Building";

H.R. 4246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office Building";

H.R. 4962, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building";

H.R. 5104, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Morris W. Milton Post Office";

H.R. 5169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW. in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr. Post Office";

H.R. 5540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the "Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office";

S. 2555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the "Lane Evans Post Office Building";

S. 2719 and H.R. 5107, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building";

H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building";

H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building"; and

The nominations of Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Phyllis D. Thompson, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, and Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service.

HEALTHY START PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Health Resources and Services Administration financial management of its budget in carrying out its mission to increase access to and quality of health care, after receiving testimony from Peter C. Van Dyck, Associate Administrator, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Joyce Somsak, Associate Administrator, Healthcare Systems Bureau, both of Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, and R. Alexander Acosta, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, both of the Department of Justice.

SMUGGLED NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States response to the threat of nuclear or radiological terrorism in the United States, focusing on efforts to prevent the acquisition of nuclear weapons and nuclear materials, after receiving testimony from Vayl S. Oxford, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Ste-

ven Aoki, Deputy Under Secretary of Energy for Counterterrorism; George P. Nanos, Associate Director, Research and Development Enterprise, Defense Threat Reduction Agency; Michael A. Levi, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Fred Ikle, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to reauthorize the Small Business Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning, and Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Congressional Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the nomination of Randall M. Fort, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AT-HOME DNA TEST

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine direct-to-consumer genetic DNA tests, focusing on whether these should be considered a marketing scam or a medical breakthrough, focusing on laboratory enrollment and performance standards, after receiving testimony from Thomas Hamilton, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Steven Gutman, Director, Office of in Vitro Diagnostic Device Evaluation and Safety, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, Government Accountability Office; Kathy Hudson, Johns Hopkins University Genetics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Rosalynn Gill-Garrison, Sciona, Boulder, Colorado; Carol R. Reed, Clinical Data, Inc., Newton, Massachusetts; Kristopher King, Suracell, Inc., Montclair, New Jersey; Narasimhan Ramarathnam, Genox Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland; and Howard Coleman, Genelex Corporation, Seattle, Washington.